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# Roadmapping the Semiconductor Industry: Are we reaching the end of the road?

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## The Road to Technology Roadmaps

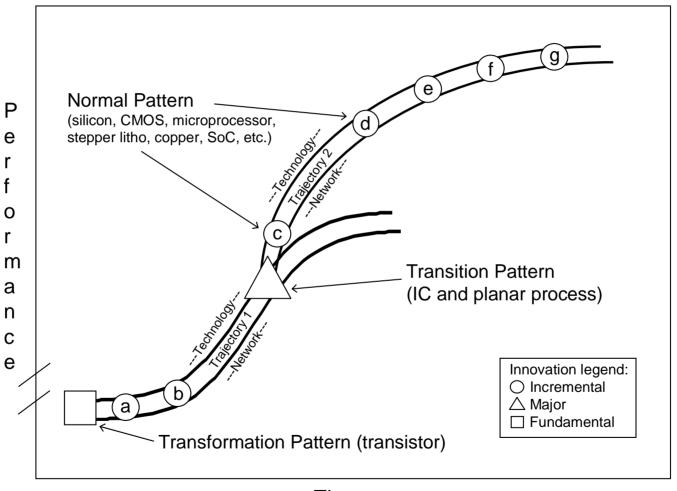


#### **TECHNOLOGY ROADMAPS:**

Implications for Innovation, Strategy, and Policy

- Personal experience in computer service since mid 1970s: from mainframe to minicomputer to personal computer
  - observed miniaturization but had no "label" for trend
  - first introduced to "Moore's Law" in PhD Special Topics course
  - wrote term paper on Moore's Law, later published in *IEEE Spectrum* (June 1997) met Gordon Moore as part of research
- Proposed Intel case study as dissertation topic (i.e., coordinating effect of Moore's Law) but did not work
- Request to Sematech to study SIA Roadmap (Moore's Law "Insurance")
  - formal research arrangement with ITRS Managing Editor
  - met Ron Kostoff at ONR and co-authored S&T Roadmap paper (IEEE TEM, May 2001); got connected w/ other "roadmappers"

## **Rycroft/Kash Innovation Patterns**



Time

#### Moore's Law and the ITRS

## Chapter 8: Moore's Law: Basis for Industrial Cadence

- Simple observation (plot) becomes an imperative (law)
- Fundamentally defines industry, part of its culture
- Made possible by upstream SM&E capabilities and permeates downstream user capabilities
- Basis for Roadmap
- Appendix includes 8yr retrospective and new formulations (e.g., as learning curve)

#### What is Moore's Law?

"The Roadmap is just Moore's Law, heavily decorated."

- Sonny Maynard, SRC VP

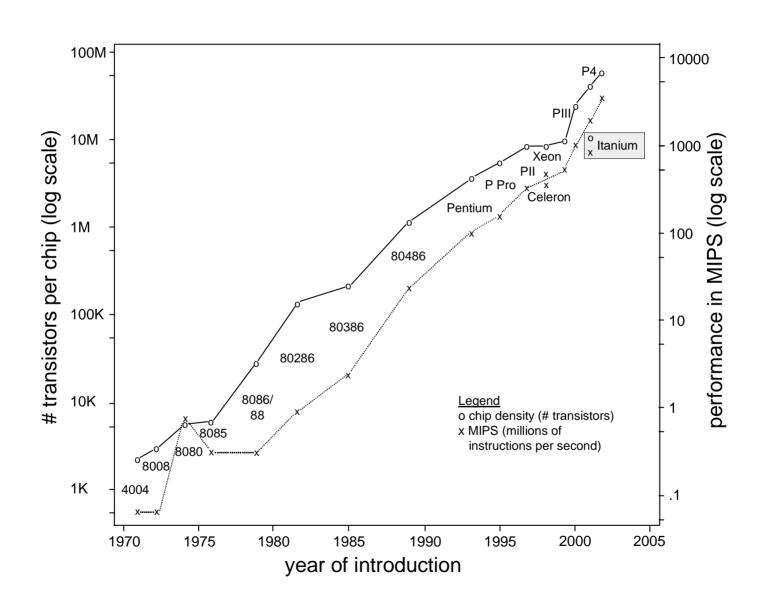
"We don't adhere to Moore's Law for the hell of it. It's a fundamental expectation that everybody at Intel buys into... We simply don't accept the growing complexity of the challenge as an excuse not to keep it going."

- Craig Barrett, Intel CEO

"Moore's Law is not a law; it is an act of will."

- Chris Mack, KLA-Tencor VP

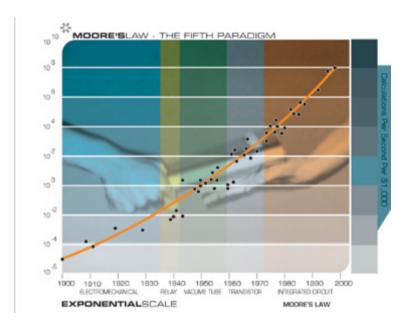
## **Intel Microprocessor Evolution**



#### A Retroactive Look at Moore's Law

Year	Feature Size	Technology	
1900	1 inch	Telegraph wires	
1912	1/4 inch	Electromechanical relays	
1924	1/16 inch	de Forest Audion	
1936	16 mils	Triode vacuum tubes	
1948	4 mils	Miniature vacuum tubes	
1960	1 mil (25 μm)	Planar transistor	

Source: Chris A. Mack, "The End of the Semiconductor Industry as We Know It," Paper presented at SPIE 2003, February 2003, Table 1, 5. Data taken from Raymond Kurzweil, *The Age of Spiritual Machines*, New York: Penguin Books, 1999.



Source: Raymond Kurzweil, "The Law of Accelerating Returns," March 7, 2001, http://www.kurzweilai.net/articles/art0134.html

## Gordon Moore: No Exponential is Forever ... but We Can Delay "Forever," ISSC03

#### Projected 2000 Wafer, circa 1975



#### Moore was not always accurate

Source: www.intel.com/research/silicon/mooreslaw.htm, Slide #12

## **Blind Extrapolation (Mack from 1995)**

#### Mack's Roadmap for Semiconductor Production in the Year 2025

- DRAM Chip: 64Tb (that's terabits, folks!)
- Minimum CD: 100Å (that's about 5 photoresist molecules)
- CD Control Spec: ±10 Å (that's ±one-half of a photoresist molecule)
- Overlay Spec: 30Å
- Chip Size: 3 x 6 in.(120 cm²)
- · Wafer Size: 32 in.
- . Fab Cost: \$1 Trillion
- Chip Price: \$1,000

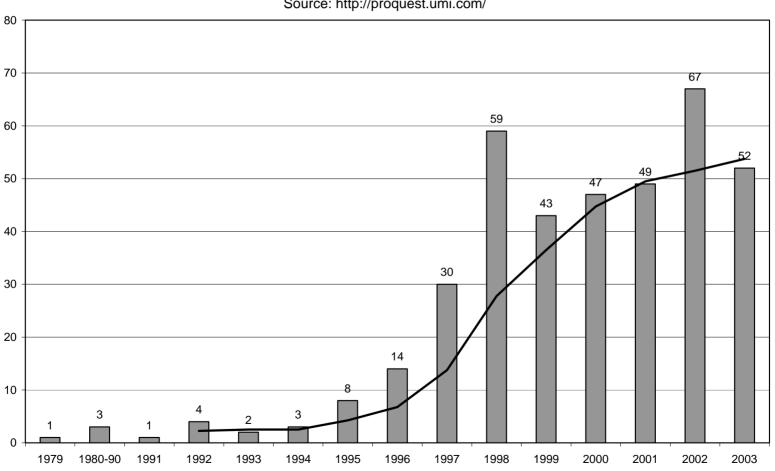
Source: Chris A. Mack, "Down the Silicon Information Highway," *Semiconductor International*, September 1995, 190.

"The lesson to be learned here is simple: Moore's Law is not forever... Given the above scenario for the year 2025, I would say that forcing ourselves to adhere to our current path without economic justification is even more dangerous."

#### Moore's Law: Literature S-Curve

#### "Moore's Law" Articles Found in ProQuest

Source: http://proquest.umi.com/



#### ITRS: Moore's Law "Insurance"

## International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors

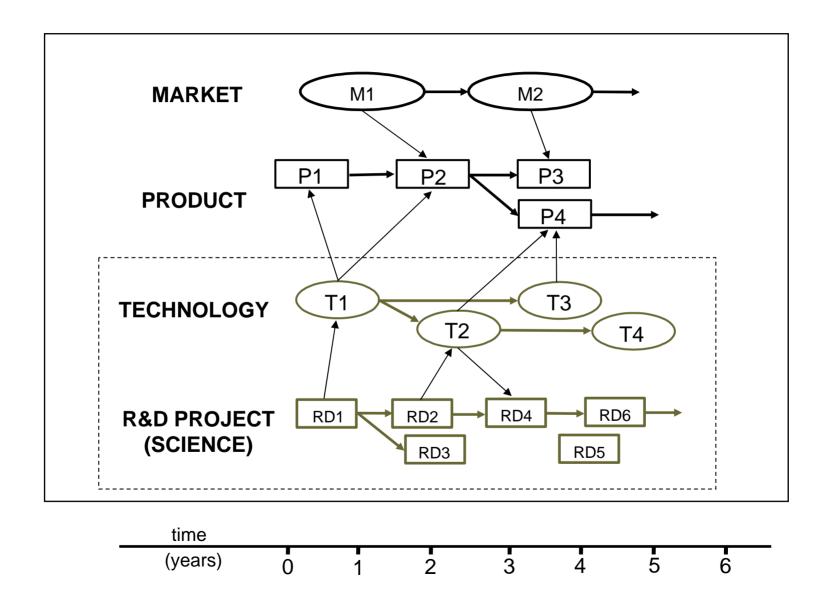


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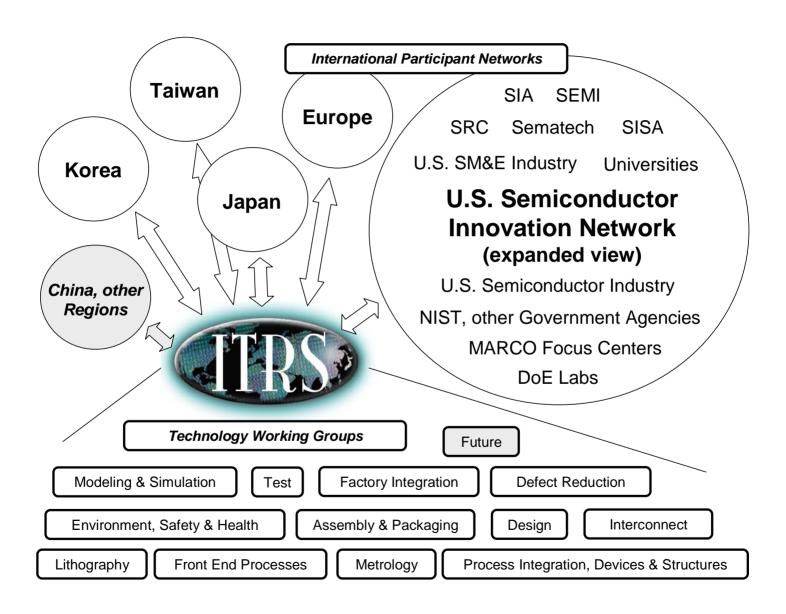
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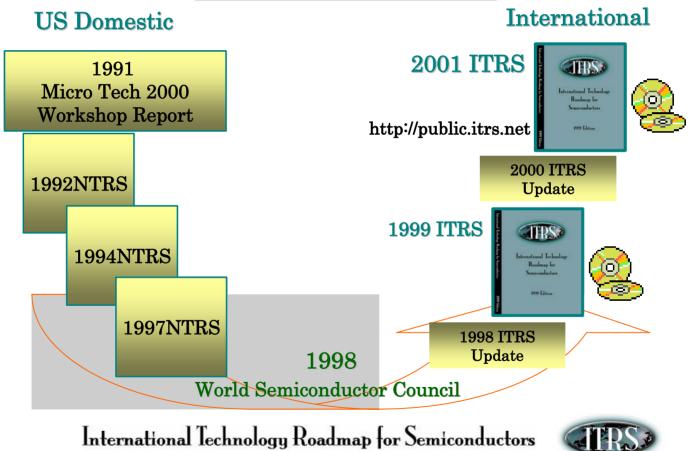


## The ITRS and Organized Innovation



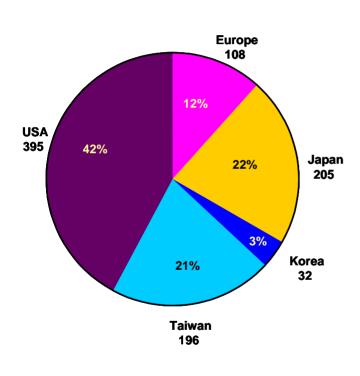
#### Moore's Law Goes Global

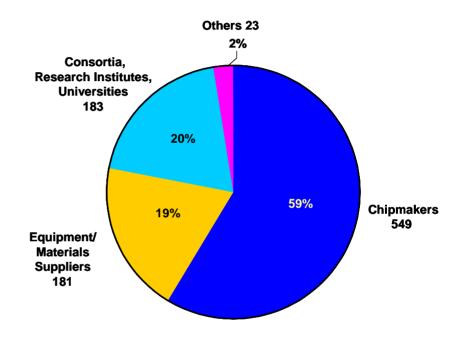
#### **Transition of ITRS**



ISS Korea 2002, March 22, T. Fukushima

# 2003 ITRS TWG Demographics 936 Global Participants





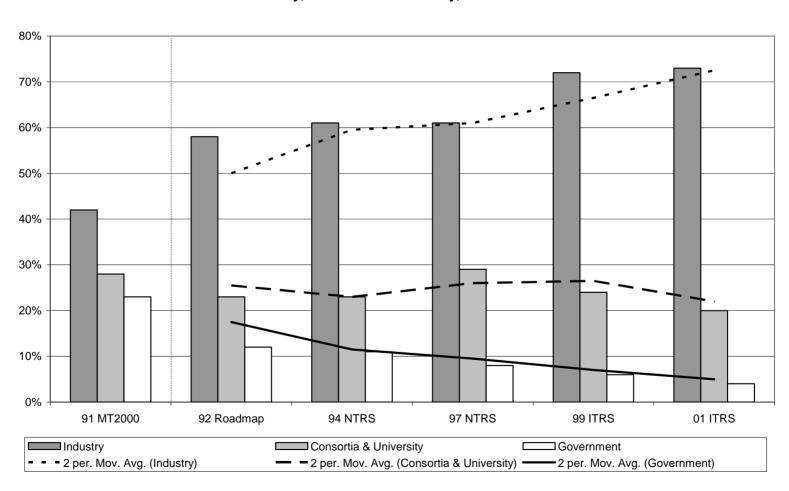
**TWG Members by Region** 

**TWG Members by Affiliation** 

## **Changing Roadmap Participation Mix**

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**Industry, Consortia & University, Government** 



## **ITRS Future Challenges**

- -Overcoming "red brick wall"
- –Path dependency: how to balance onand off-roadmap innovation
- Caution of becoming too unwieldy and prescriptive
- -"Roadmap" may not be the best metaphor (implies certainty)
- -Maintaining voluntary participation
- Increasing cost of roadmapping